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 Applicant(s) : Ewald DUERMEIER et al.
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AMENDMENT

S I R:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 30, 2003 (the three-month response date for which has been extended by one month from December 30, 2003 to January 30, 2004 by the accompanying Transmittal and Petition To Extend), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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TRANSMITTAL AND PETITION TO EXTEND

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an
Amendment After A Final Office Action.

This is also a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the three-month response
date by one month from December 30, 2003 to January 30, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee, which is believed to be
\$110.00 for the one-month extension, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600, and is also
authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any other
Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.
Two duplicate copies of this transmittal letter are enclosed for these purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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